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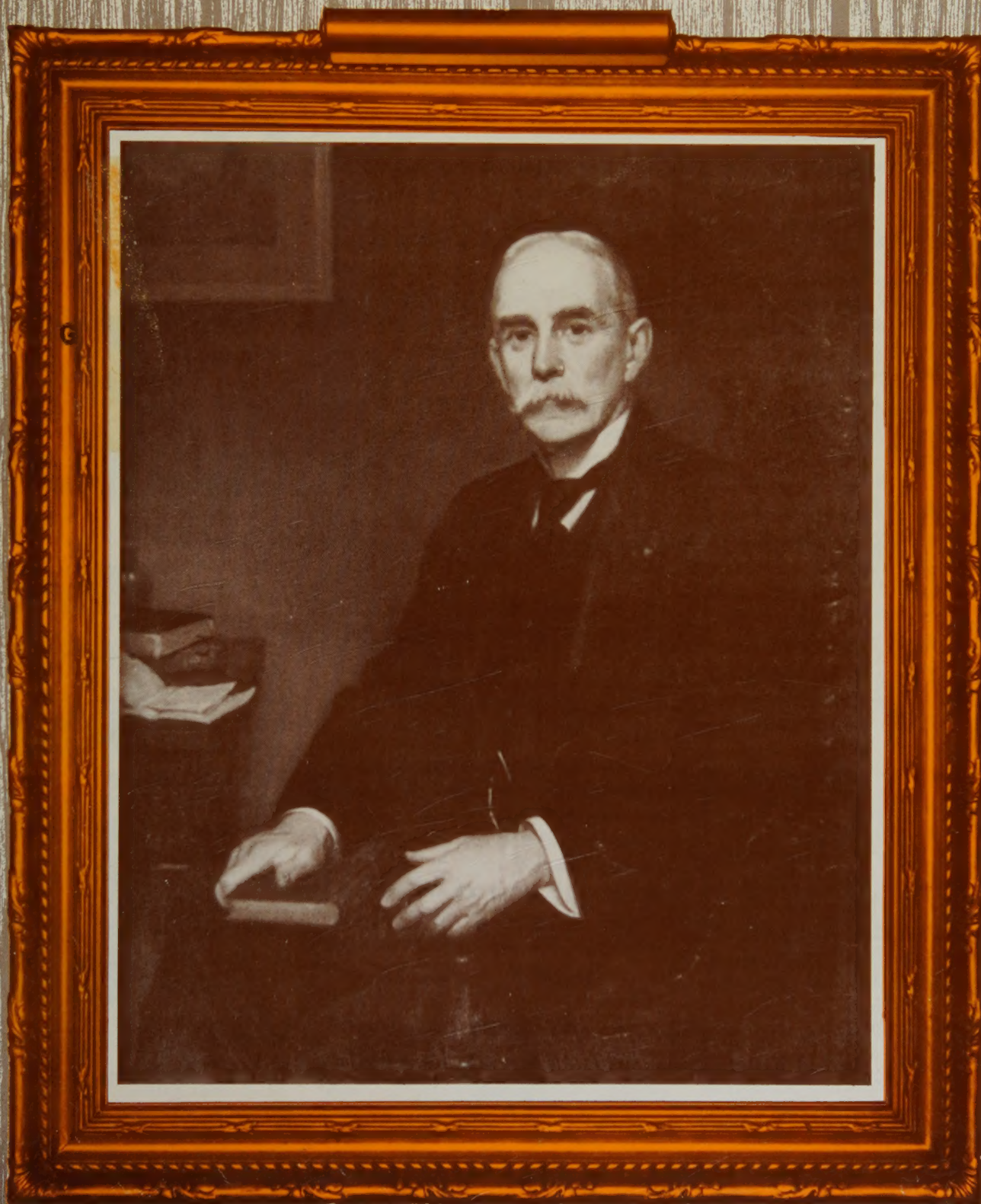


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Portrait of Dr. Francis E. Clark recently presented to the International Society of Christian Endeavor by Robert Ball of Cleveland, Ohio. The portrait hung for many years in the home of his parents, Mr. & Mrs. Fred L. Ball, who were close friends of Dr. and Mrs. Clark.

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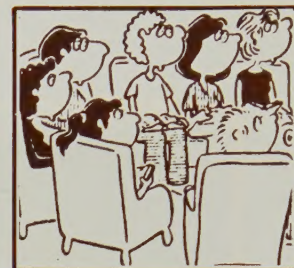
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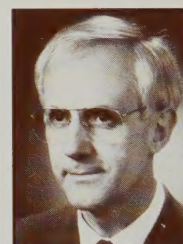
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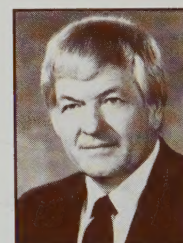
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TERRORISM, Hunger, Killings, Fanaticism and the inability of factions to communicate with each other are all words or phrases used by the media to introduce or describe the countries of Lebanon and Syria. Our televisions show us pictures of street gun-fights, ghettos and refugee camps which fill us with pictures of horror that only tell part of a much bigger story. It would not surprise Christians to know that God loves these people, and that today in these lands He is at work.

(The following is one part of that work, an important part for Christian Endeavorers. A work being carried out under such conditions by God's workers.)

The first Christian Endeavor Society in the Region was organized in Aleppo, Syria, in 1923. Gradually, other societies have been formed in almost all Armenian Evangelical Churches. In the thirties, these societies formed the Christian Endeavor Union of Syria and Lebanon, vesting executive power to its Executive Committee.

Today, the Christian Endeavour Union has a membership of about 500 youths, half of them being juniors, despite the Armenian Evangelical Community being a rather small body.

The Executive Committee is in charge of many activities. During the summer the Union runs the Daily Vacation Bible Schools in both Syria and Lebanon, and has undertaken the organisation of camps for undernourished children.

The idea was adopted in the early fifties when it was observed that in the Armenian Evangelical schools there were many children who were deprived of any chance to have a summer vacation on the mountains.

The Executive Committee launched the programme and appealed to the Armenian Evangelical Churches to support the project financially, the response was encouraging.

Since then, under-nourished children's Camps have been held each summer in Syria and Lebanon. A special committee has been appointed with the responsibility of organising the camp. They have to find young people who will volunteer to serve as leaders in the camp and to handle the necessary funds.

They emphasise the fact that the aim of the camp is not just to provide a summer vacation for two weeks on the mountains. The daily schedule of the camp includes many activities such as singing, manual work, games, film shows, but the essential part of it is religion. The aim is to provide religious instruction with hymns, Bible stories and daily devotions.

The camp is for children of 7-12 years of age, usually from low-income families. On many occasions they have to be provided with shoes, underwear and clothing since what they bring with them is so old it is torn within the first few days.

Lately, due to the unstable conditions in Lebanon and the high rate of inflation, local contributions for the camp have diminished, and the Committee had to look for financial support. Thank God they have found people who appreciate the work and are ready to extend financial assistance.

In addition to the above the Union publishes two "monthlies" one for youth, the other for juniors. An Armenian translation of the daily Bible reading UPPER ROOM has been published for 50 years. Furthermore they publish the Christian Home Calendar, with a Bible verse for each day of the year.

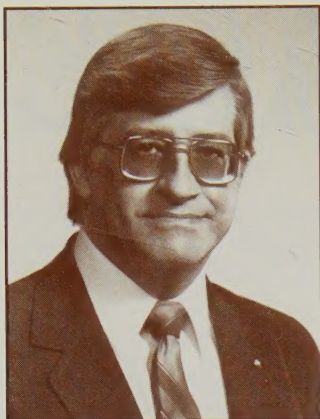
Youth and junior summer conferences have been held for many years. The Union owns two conference centres, one in Kessab, Syria and one in Beit Mery, Lebanon. Youth workers are needed and once again both Syria and Lebanon each have their own worker secured by the Union.

A practical work continues under difficult circumstances. Will you remember these fellow Endeavorers in your prayers. Should you wish to write to encourage the work in Syria and Lebanon the address is:

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From the General Secretary



One of the vital concerns of the church today is that of reaching young people with the gospel of Jesus Christ and then effectively involving them in the ministry of the local church. This situation at times appears to be overwhelming as we see the lack of interest and concern for spiritual matters both on the part of the youth and their parents.

However, we also have discovered that young people today are searching for a meaning and purpose to life—something they can grasp hold of—something that will provide them with meaningful relationships and the security that they find to be lacking in our permissive society. Instead of seeking their answers in drugs, drinking, Satanism, the occult, sex, or suicide, young people need to be made aware of the solution that is available through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and the reality of His presence in helping them cope with the problems of daily living.

In survey after survey it has been revealed that one of the greatest needs expressed by local churches is that of developing and maintaining an effective ministry for young people. Churches seem to be at a loss when it comes to finding ways of challenging young people to respond to the claims of Jesus Christ on their lives and then involving them in a meaningful Christian experience of daily living.

Two of the greatest problems that I have seen develop in recent years are those of (1) youth leader “burn-out”—coming from a total frustration with the inability to challenge and stimulate young people in accepting leadership in and responsibility for their youth groups, and (2) providing an effective program that will maintain the interest of and challenge the young people to enthusiastic involvement in the youth ministry of their local church. Surveys show that the average “life” of a youth leader is less than 18 months and he/she leaves with a feeling of total frustration and disillusionment. Fewer and fewer individuals are willing to accept this important responsibility as they see the chances for success diminishing.

In the face of these developments, however, I see Christian Endeavor again being an effective tool in overcoming these problems. Originally conceived as a local church ministry to its young people, the philosophy, principles, and purposes of Christian Endeavor soon were adopted by many churches throughout the country and around the world—reaching young people with the gospel of Jesus Christ and then training them for an effective ministry of leadership training and service for the cause of Christ and His Church.

Somewhere in between the years of its inception and today, the church has lost its vision of what Christian Endeavor can do for its young people. As a result we now face a similar situation in the local church as did church leaders before Christian Endeavor began to make its initial impact. Many churches have lost the vision of what should and can be accomplished in and through the lives of its young people. An erroneous

philosophy has been developed that states young people need to be “coddled and coaxed” with material possessions and water-down commitments instead of challenging their heroic spirit of adventure and commitment; it proposes to teach them instead of encouraging them to be self-taught, and it encourages the supporting and guiding of their steps when they should be learning to walk alone.

Christian Endeavor always has believed in young people, trusted young people, and as far as possible, put their practical training into their own hands, believing that it is far better to let them learn through their own accomplishments and mistakes than to foster the greatest mistake of all—not allowing them to make an effort on their own.

Youth are not interested in fellowship and recreation alone. They want something that will challenge them—something to which they can be committed and put into use their own talents and abilities.

Christian Endeavor with its philosophy, pledge, and principles provides such a spiritual structure in which youth can be challenged to commit themselves to a lifestyle through which they accept the responsibility of Christian living by promising “to do whatever He would like to have them do.”

There are seven objectives to which Christian Endeavor must be committed to effectively serve and assist the local church with its responsibilities to youth. These are: (1) Bringing young people face-to-face with Jesus Christ; (2) Leading them into a personal relationship with Christ as their Savior; (3) Guiding them into a commitment of their lives to Him as Lord; (4) Teaching them how to cope with the problems of daily living; (5) Involving

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World's Union Emphasizes Evangelism

At the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of the World's Christian Endeavor Union October 20-21, 1987, in Kassel, Western Germany, steps were taken to begin a new emphasis on evangelism worldwide.

Members of the Board who were not involved in committee meetings on October 19, the day preceding the Trustees meeting, along with visitors to the meeting met in a special session to discuss the subject of evangelism. Burkhard Weber of Germany chaired the conference and Fay Campbell served as secretary.

The discussions began with a period of sharing what is being done at the local level in churches or societies.

Canada—One church has four different groups which meet Wednesday evenings as follows:

Group 1—Goes out with the Gospel to the unsaved—these have already been contacted and an appointment made. These contacts could be through children in Sunday school or other youth activities or personal contacts.

Group 2—Follows up on those who have made a decision for Christ to help them in studying their Bible and to help them mature as Christians.

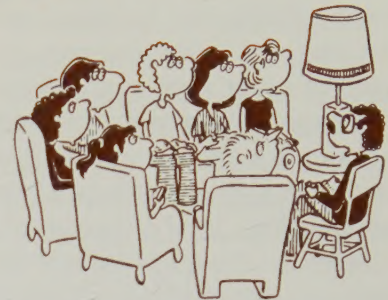
Group 3—Visits those in the congregation with special needs, the elderly, shut-ins, etc.

Group 4—Meets at the church to pray for those who are out visiting.

Ireland—Door-to-door visitation was reported. Groups go out in two's to a given area on an evening to suit themselves. These are cold visits with no previous arrangements having been made. Once a month the groups meet for prayer and to report on visits made and to arrange follow-up. A training program is set up before visitation begins to discuss what they might encounter and how to deal with various situations. They take literature with them, but will only give this out if people request it. So far there have been very little results. The troubles in Ireland have brought people together and young people have shown a willingness to work and pray.

England—In Leamington Spa where British Headquarters is situated, there are many old established churches, but a new independent evangelical church has recently come into being. Members have gone out into the area and done a survey to find out where the senior citizens are, where there are families with children, or students. Gospel literature is given out to suit various groups of people. The church has produced a pamphlet on children, taking articles from newspapers and giving biblical portions in answer to various needs and problems.

In Wigan, England, the Sunday school was almost non-existent two years ago. Special meetings were held and this has now built up to about 40. The parents are not involved in church at all, so it is neces-



sary to collect the children and bring them to Sunday school. The parents cannot understand why the church is interested in their children so as a result they are now showing an interest in the church. Atheism is being taught unofficially in the schools, since many Moslems in the state schools object to Christianity.

Egypt—It was reported that it is a crime to evangelize in Egypt among the Moslems, but the church is growing under persecution. One person who was sentenced to six months imprisonment for evangelizing among the Moslems continued to evangelize in prison so after two months they released him. He is now working among Moslems in Sudan. Recently the president of Christian Endeavor in Egypt was sentenced to one month in prison because five years ago they had allowed a church to be built. An appeal against the sentence has been made and Endeavorers worldwide are asked to pray for this brother.

In Alexandria from June to September one-week conferences are held and people needing Christ are invited to come—some are nominal Christians, some orthodox. People talk and pray with them and many are won for Christ.

Homes of nominal Christians are also visited to talk about the Gospel.

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American Samoa—There are 32,000 people on the islands and most people attend church. The minister is responsible for all that goes on in the church, including Christian Endeavor. Sunday activities begin at 4:00 a.m. and go through at least 9:00 p.m. Many meet for teaching and prayer and two hours for the Christian Endeavor service. There is no problem in evangelizing; most churches on the Islands work together in evangelism. If the Matai (chief of family) is converted, he has an influence on the other members of his family. Evangelism is mainly among those who have fallen away from the church.



D.D.R. (Eastern Germany)—Most young people grow up with no news of Christ and the Church. There are no Sunday schools, but they have many ways to evangelize. One example: In the youth group teams of workers meet every month. They organize a public meeting where they intend to invite people. There are three ways of giving invitations:

1. Ask the minister for names of young people who are confirmed.
2. Invite personal friends.
3. Go out on the streets and talk to people. They prepare written invitations to give to people. Of course, this cannot be done officially. One preacher was brought before officials and told to stop his people from doing this, but the young people cannot stop themselves. The best results are from personal contacts, who when they are converted to Christ stay with the church. The young people and co-workers take the public meeting; they produce sketches, dramas,

etc. Many young people contacted are afraid to give their home address as they may not want their parents to know, so they give the address of a friend.

In Eastern Germany the Christians are involved in one-to-one evangelism. They make personal visits to people whose address they have from other youth members and talk to them of Christ. The people they visit have no knowledge of the Bible or Christ.

Here they have to arouse an interest in the Gospel. People would not ask, "How can I see God?"—they believe there is no God. Sometimes it is necessary to begin where they are and even use a different vocabulary, for example, love.

In the D.D.R. they are working on evangelism and if one area does not have enough workers, others from another area will come and help.



Cayman Islands—There are problems here because of economic growth; many members have fallen away and the churches have a small congregation. Evangelistic work is mainly to former members of Sunday school members and Christian Endeavor has played a big part in this. The success rate is very small, but they keep going. They also arrange a fellowship dinner and include some social activities. Parents of Sunday school scholars are invited to these events. One church has a new young minister with leadership training so it is hoped he will train the elders and others.

Vision for the Future

After the reports were given, the discussion centered on what could be done on the World's Union level. It is not possible for large numbers to move about geographically to help each other, but if information is available about what is going on in each country the work could be backed up by the prayers of others around the world. Looking on from the outside, it may also be possible to help each other by constructive criticism.

A number of suggestions were made for methods of prayer. Workshops on evangelism at World's Union meetings, use of vacation or holiday travel, Pen Pals around the world, and challenging youth to give six months or a year for evangelistic or social work were among other items discussed.

A full report of the evangelism discussions was presented to the Board of Trustees, which resulted in the following actions:

—The subject of evangelism will continue to be discussed at future World's Union meetings,

—The 1990 World's Convention Program Committee has been asked to establish an educational session on evangelism as part of the convention program.

—A prayer newsletter is to be circulated to all national unions, which could include prayer concerns from the various national unions.

—A committee composed of Burkhard Weber (Western Germany), chairman, P.A.R. Chesteron (Australia), and Jack R. Rothenberger (U.S.A.) was appointed as a Committee on Evangelism to collect ideas on how to establish a worldwide prayer partnership and an exchange program of evangelism.

Reports of evangelism efforts and ideas of ways to help each other should be sent to this special committee to assist it in its important task.

England To Me

Christian Endeavor exists and thrives many places in our world, some of which are unfamiliar to us. Here is an account by a young person on a trip to one of those far away places.

Last July 1987, my sister, Judi, and I had the opportunity to travel to the Isle of Wight, which is off the coast of Southern England. You may not have heard of the Isle of Wight before but neither had I until the 1981 Christian Endeavor World Convention held in Portland, Maine ...and that is where my story begins.

I was ten years old and had been given an assignment in my Junior CE class to get as many signatures as I could from the people attending the convention. I went around asking everyone for their signature. A very amiable gentleman with a British accent signed my list and began to chat with me. I introduced him to my parents and from there my friendship with Harold Humber began!

Soon enough the convention came to a close so Harold and I exchanged addresses and promised to keep in touch. Well, we each kept our promise and corresponded for six years. In the summer of 1986 Harold and his family invited my sister and me to come and stay with them in the summer of 1987. And

so last July Judi and I flew across the Atlantic where Harold met us at Gatwick airport. We traveled from the mainland on a ferry to the Isle of Wight. The Isle was a beautiful, quaint place with thatched roof houses and ruins of medieval castles.

Okay, now about Christian Endeavor. Christian Endeavor on the Isle is popular among the children, young adults, and even older adults. At Harold's Chapel, Bowcombe (pronounced Buck 'um) Methodist Chapel, the Junior Christian Endeavor is very active. We went to a Junior Christian Endeavor barbeque with about fifteen juniors in attendance. Also at the Bowcombe Chapel I was asked to open their annual Garden Party. The Garden Party was set up to raise funds to help a Nigerian girl, Mfon, attend school. They had tons of cakes, brownies, scones and tea to sell. It was a great time of fellowship and sharing.

During the Summer on the Isle, each Christian Endeavor group would plan and carry out a Sunday evening service at a chapel. This gives young people the experience of organizing an evening service for all ages.

Did you know that they have a Christian Endeavor holiday resort on the Isle of Wight? They do, and

we had the opportunity to visit this holiday house one night. The resort is on the southern tip of the Isle. It is a very large house in which week or weekend conferences are held. The night Judi and I attended there were about fifty adults and young kids. That evening a talent show was being held in which young and old alike participated.

To wrap up our visit we attended an Isle of Wight "Wight Light" which was a three day Christian rock concert. Performing were Martyn Joseph, John Daniels, Sheila Walsh and others. It was on the top of a hill and the singers just sang God's Word to the world, which was very exciting.

The experiences which Judi and I shared on the Isle of Wight with the Humbers are memories which we will both never forget. We thank God for His blessing to us and for allowing Christian Endeavor to work through our lives, giving us the opportunity to meet people such as Harold and his family.

—Joy L. Barkley

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(Harold Humber is an active Endeavorer working with young people in Christian Endeavor on the Isle of Wight.)

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Mary Jeffery Remembered

Endeavorers around the world were saddened on December 16, 1987 when they learned of the death of Mrs. Cecil (Mary) Jeffery. Memorial services were held at the Lake Avenue Presbyterian Church in Pasadena, December 20.

Mary was closely associated with her husband, Cecil, throughout their lifetime together in Christian Endeavor.

Cecil and Mary met through Christian Endeavor, were married

during Christian Endeavor Week in 1930, and have served together in many Christian Endeavor capacities through their 57 years of marriage. Both served as officers of the Los Angeles County Union at the same time (Cecil being President and Mary, Secretary). Together they sponsored Christian Endeavor groups for over 25 years with a number of the young people from their groups entering various areas of Christian service.

The last function they attended together was the International Society Board of Trustees Meeting held in Columbus, Ohio last October.

Mary will long be remembered as a gracious hostess, sympathetic listener, wonderful cook and mother, and a radiant Christian example.

In lieu of flowers, the family requested that memorial gifts be sent to the International Society of Christian Endeavor.

New Jersey Christian Endeavor — Tempted by the Thin Ice No More!!!

This year's Winter Happening, "Walking on Thin Ice" began on Friday, January 1, 1988, at Camp Bernie, Washington, New Jersey with a slow, sleepy start. (I guess everyone was still tired from staying up late the night before.) Anyway, there was a super turnout. We initiated two new churches by the same embarrassing ritual as usual. Icebreakers! I must admit: although some of those games are a little ridiculous, I think everyone had a lot of fun and we all began to know the new faces in the crowd.

Jeff Peiffer, PaCE Field Secretary, was our inspirational speaker for the weekend. Rev. Kirk Orr, pastor of Middlesex Presbyterian Church, Rev. Kevin Elsey, director of the Echelon Mall Ministry and Rev. Alvin Maddison, pastor of Kimble Methodist Church, Woodbury, all spoke to us on the subject of temptation.

Saturday's activities included horseback riding, tubing down the "not-so-snowy" hills and the traditional Bernie Bowl football game. Although the weather conditions the week before weren't enough to freeze the lake, it didn't stop New Jersey C.E. from playing ice hockey. (The basketball courts had been flooded and frozen enough to skate on.)

Sunday morning Mrs. Joanne Thornley and Mrs. Esther Geutens presented the sermon. Tracy Matthews, vice-president of the International Society from Washington, D.C., the "coolest and slickest dude you'll ever meet", led us in song throughout the weekend.

We had a great conference and remember, "stay away from the thin ice so you won't be tempted!"

—Denise T. Marlow

New District Organized

In order to better coordinate and carry out Christian Endeavor activities in Western Pennsylvania, it was recently decided to organize a Western District of Pennsylvania Christian Endeavor. Initial participating counties will be Mercer, Beaver, Butler, Lawrence and Crawford; but the district may be expanded to include other counties if there is interest.

The purpose of the District will be to coordinate youth retreats, junior days, the annual alumni reunion dinner, and coordinate field work.

Jodi Hensel (newly-elected president of Mercer County Christian Endeavor) and Tom Jameson (Ministerial Associate at the First Presbyterian Church of Rochester, Beaver County) have consented to set aside some of their valuable time to visit churches and offer assistance in starting and/or revitalizing Christian Endeavor groups.

There is much excitement in the area about the possibilities that lie ahead for this new district.

Michigan Ski-ee Weekend

The 1988 Michigan Christian Endeavor Ski-ee Weekend was held at Clear Lake Camp, Dowling, Michigan, January 29-31. Saturday was spent on the ski slopes. Steve Rusticus, youth worker at Grace Reformed Church in Holland, directed the remainder of the weekend's activities. The Sunday church service challenged the young people to a deeper Christian commitment. Harold Holstein, a member of the Board of Trustees of the International Society, joined us for the weekend.

—Denise Bakker

Ralph's Little Success Story

(J. Ralph Treadaway)

A Tribute from His Wife

Because the noise and commotion were my doing, Ralph, the steady, dear one in the family, was not always seen but he had his own little story.

Born among the poorest, Ralph found his place in the end among the richest—that is, in the things which count!

He graduated with honors from high school, already the bread winner for his mother and younger brothers. We were married in the Presbyterian church in 1937. Ralph then began seriously pursuing college credits.

In 1945 he volunteered for Navy service and two years later came out as a Chief Petty Officer. Most significantly, in a small prison camp in New Guinea, he sought the Lord Jesus for salvation and became a new creation in Christ. (To the Glory of God it must be added his wife, Jean, had the same experience at the same time in a Christian Endeavor Camp at Oak Mountain Park.)

The G.I. Bill provided for Ralph to graduate from the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, at age 40. There we served as house parents at the Presbyterian Center on campus.

At his retirement as Corporate Safety Director with Vulcan Materials Company, twenty-five years later, he was honored at a corporate banquet. Already he had set up his own company and became President of Safety Services. He had just finished ten happy years in this capacity.

From the time of our salvation both of us taught Sunday school—Ralph for fifteen years with junior boys at Shades Mountain Baptist Church—and for thirty years he

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WARREN G. HOOPES SPEAKS

These are excerpts from a message given on Laity Sunday, October 10, 1982, at First United Methodist Church, Pottsville, Pennsylvania, by Warren G. Hoopes, then 94 years of age and in good health despite the handicap of blindness. Mr. Hoopes died October 17, 1987. During his long, dynamic life he held many Christian Endeavor posts. He was Pennsylvania president 1924-26 and general secretary 1925-58; he served on the Pennsylvania Board of Directors for many more years and continued a vital interest in Christian Endeavor throughout his long life.

Someone has said God gave us memories that we might have roses in December. As you have seen me you realize I have already reached my December of life, but I am very thankful for the roses, the memories of days gone by.

I think the first happy memory I would like to share with you this morning is of a little Presbyterian Church in West Grove where the Hoopes and Miller families lived. The pastor had worked faithfully, but in addition to the pastor's work trying to reach me, there were six or seven persons who, throughout the years before, tried to reach me for Jesus Christ.

This morning we are thinking of happy memories and the happy one that I start with is the night after the evening service when I walked across the church and saw the pastor and I said, "I've made a decision tonight. I want to accept Jesus Christ as my own personal savior."

I've never regretted that and I thank God over and over again for that happy memory, because if Jesus had not come into my heart

the rest of the story that I would share with you could not be told.



Another happy memory that comes to my mind is that little Christian Endeavor Society in that church. I suppose by standards of present-day education and religious affairs that it would not rank very high, but it had some advantages, some things that have lived through my life. It had a motto: "For Christ and the Church." It had four principles: confession of Christ, service for Christ, loyalty to Christ's Church, and fellowship with Christ's people.

I wonder today if we do not still need that. Confession of Christ—not necessarily just going through the services that bring us in so many times. Thanks to God for the founder of Christian Endeavor, Dr. Francis E. Clark. I heard him say: "I had tried so many things at the first charge in Portland, Maine. I tried so many ways that never satisfied my ministry. And as I tried to study and recall they were really good in themselves. Only one thing they lacked. They didn't go far enough for Christ and the Church."

So the Holy Spirit, I believe very earnestly, led him to the next effort in his church, to be based upon having folks enter into a covenant with

Christ. More than that, to sign their names to it. I remember his dear wife, Mother Clark, saying: "When he showed me those proposed plans, I became the first objector. But he was a wise pastor. Having handed me the copy of the covenant that he proposed to share with the young people, he left me alone."

The first proposal was, "Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength, I promise him that I will strive to do whatever He would like to have me do." I am wondering this morning in this service of the laity if you ever said to the Son of God Himself, "Lord Jesus, I will strive to do whatever you would have me do. And in order that I might know what you would have me do, I'll make it a rule of my life to pray and read the Bible every day. I'll be loyal to the work and worship of my church and I'll be faithful in attendance at its Sunday and mid-week services."

That led to quite an active life. I promised Jesus Christ that I'd try to do what He would like to have me do. And surprisingly enough He started to give me plenty of jobs. The more I tried to do for Him, the more He seemed to bless. So years sped on. I had become interested in my own church. I had come to Christ there and I had committed my life to service there.

Then I wondered about some other churches that had not received the blessings I enjoyed. So I found myself starting out to visit churches. Soon I found I was active in the county, later in the state.

Then came a greater test. A committee met me and said, "We have a vacancy. We have a need. We

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feel that you would be one to become the General Secretary of the Pennsylvania Christian Endeavor Union and give your life to that." They added quickly, "We've already thought about what we are asking you to do. You've been with the U.S. Postal Service for 22 years. You would have to resign from that job."

Well, you have guessed it. I made the decision and for 30 years I traveled the 67 counties of this state, trying to reach the young people because that is where you have to start. My dear wife, who shared with me the experiences of all those years, devoted her time to the children's work.

Let me pick some flowers if I may. I recall the blessings that came. The more we do for Christ, the greater the joy we have in and through Christ. The trips across the continent and across the ocean—if I picked out just one memory it was following World War I. It was a World's Christian Endeavor Convention in Berlin, Germany. There was no wall there, then. There were 8,000 Christian Endeavorers from around the world. The motto on the wall of that convention hall was, "The Master Is Come and He Calleth for Thee." That seemed to me the greatest dawn of a day of hope of what might happen in the world.

What can laymen do? You don't have to have special traits and training. You don't have to wait too many years, because one of the happiest experiences in the church here in Pottsville is about the first time I was here with you nearly two years ago. I enjoyed that morning as I did again this morning, the fellowship of the men's class. The class was over and I tried to recall the steps and how we had traveled. How helpless I was! As I was there at "wits end corner," I felt a hand. It touched mine and 12-year-old Mark said, "Can I help you?" As we go from the service of worship today, as we go through life as laity in the

church, we will find many opportunities to say to someone, "Can I help you?"

I remember Bill as a lad, because the first time I ever remember a public prayer we were in a circle and he was next to me. Bill and I both accepted Christ about the same time. We were both active in Christian Endeavor. I seemed to get so busy and Bill seemed to have it so hard expressing himself and going and doing. Maybe there are some folks here this morning who have handicaps. It is very easy to excuse ourselves from service because of our handicaps.

Bill came to me and said, "Warren, I don't seem to be able to do the things I want to do. I long to go to the meetings and take part like you do. Would you allow me to drive you to any meetings whenever you are asked to speak?"

For years Bill took me to place after place, to meeting after meeting, and I think that if you would look over the shoulder of the recording angel, whenever you saw my name you would see Bill's name—and likely his name would be at the top.

Let me pick another flower from the garden of memory. His name was Jack. He was an invalid. He was physically handicapped. He was a Christian Endeavorer in his beliefs and his desires. When Jack Daubenspeck, in answer to prayer, thought about other persons with handicaps like his own, he organized all such persons he could into a group that he named "Christ's Cloistered Crusaders."

They were Christians cloistered in their homes, but they had in their hearts the desire to be a crusader for Christ. He enrolled over 300 others in this group. When he had to give up this contact because his condition worsened, he asked me to look for someone else to take his place.

One day he said to me, "Warren I think I have found the person to take this responsibility. His name is

Bobby Faulk in Butler, Pennsylvania."

When I got to Butler the next time, I went to his home and met his parents. I told them my reason for the visit, to see if Bobby would serve the handicapped crusaders in the state through Christian Endeavor. I went into his room and saw a weakened, thin fellow on a hard bed. He had been there in that bed 20 years. "This man is willing to write to 300 shut-ins?" I asked myself. Bobby took the job. He had a typewriter hanging from a frame above his bed and he typed with one finger as it was swung over him. He continued this ministry with letters, newspaper articles, and a newsletter until the day he died.

Dear friends, if we are asking ourselves the question, "What can the laity do? I am inclined to say, "They can do whatever Christ would have them do."

Note: Warren's wife Marion died March 26, 1982, after a lengthy illness.



Living Memorials

Living memorials offer an opportunity to express love and appreciation for lives of departed friends or loved ones. It also is a means of showing tribute to them while making an investment in the lives of young people today.

Through the gift of memorials to Christian Endeavor, you continue support for a movement that has meant much to an individual during his lifetime. In lieu of sending flowers why not take the opportunity to make a living memorial to Christian Endeavor as a tribute to one who has finished his course and entered into the rest of the Lord.

To give a living memorial send contributions with the name of the person to be remembered to the International Society of Christian Endeavor. An acknowledgement card will be sent to the family of the deceased and also to the contributor.

During 1987 the International Society received memorial gifts honoring the following individuals:

George Alex Austin
David Craig Banuat
Christian S. Briel
May Carter
Analouise Eubanks
Mary Glass
Warren Hoopes
Wilfred Howard
Paul Hurley
Mary Jeffery
Louis Klein, Jr.
Corine Moore
Nellie Musselman
Viroqua Nodolf
James P. Paxson
Wilhemina Reinhard
Samuel M. Saffery, Sr.
Merritt L. Smith
Myrtle Sytsma
Ralph Treadaway
Leah T. Vandersall

A Letter From the World's President

Dear Endeavorers:

In the 1987 World's Union Board of Trustees meeting held in Kassel, Western Germany, October 19-21, 1987, it was decided to include in the 1988 Budget an amount of \$5,000 for the purchase of a van for the work of the Christian Endeavorers in Syria and Lebanon. The Board of Trustees did this in faith, trusting in God who will provide. That means we have to raise funds in order to buy such a useful vehicle.

May I give you some more background on this project? First of all we must know the work is going on. We have good contacts to a mission in Lebanon, and its director, Mr. Edwin Meergans, Bad Homburg, Western Germany, informed me twice this year about his personal experiences traveling to Lebanon. For years he knows the C.E. leaders personally, this year once again he met them being in Lebanon. He called me November 26 giving greetings from the C.E. Secretary, Rev. Krikor Youmoushakian and the fulltime youth worker, Mr. Nerses Balabanian, who will drive the van.

Mr. Meergans told me about an excellent work Christian Endeavor is doing in this troubled part of the world. They still run camps regularly, helping in the Armenian schools and churches and being active in youth and junior's activities. Mr. Meergans talks about the good influence of C.E. to the youth of the Armenian Evangelical Church, and the real need of a van for meetings and retreats, while public transportation is not reliable as you can imagine.

The Mission to Lebanon has good experiences bringing cars to Lebanon, knowing where to get good used cars and what to do to avoid high custom duties. Their



next tour will be in March or April 1988, and this will bring pressure into our project, but also the necessary help for us and, of course, for our brothers and sisters in Lebanon. He also recommended that we should not try to get the lowest in price but rather buy a real functioning van which takes the bad roads and lasts for years. He will help us through a relative buying a van in the off season. But I am afraid due to the very low rate of the U. S. dollars we will not make it with \$5,000.

May I, therefore, take this opportunity for a challenge towards our project despite the fact that we are very late with a call on world's level. But there is the first positive answer. I thank the Lord for a loan from the German Christian Endeavor Union ready for the time of purchase without interest, and we thank our German friends. But, we need the full amount in Germany by June 1988. Who is going to help? May the Lord bless you while you give generously. Tax deductible donations may be given through your national Christian Endeavor Union.

Let us support the World's Christian Endeavor Project of 1988 praising God that HE is at work in Lebanon.

Yours SinCereely in Christ,
Konrad Brandt
President



Bits and Pieces

Ernest L. Cottrill

Ernest Cottrill, a former employee at Christian Endeavor Headquarters and a member of the Board of Directors of the Central Ohio Christian Endeavor Fellowship was discovered dead on February 26, 1988, the victim of an apparent heart attack.

Ernie had been released from the hospital the previous Tuesday, where he had been admitted two weeks earlier with fluid around the heart and a bruised heart. He had been experiencing some congestion and discomfort in recent months.

Ernie will be remembered by many for his participation in the Festival of Hope Convention in Portland, Maine, where he transported many delegates in the "C.E. Van." He also attended the Second Century Conference in Edinburgh, Scotland, in 1982.

After leaving the employ of Christian Endeavor, Ernie continued to assist with Headquarters repair and maintenance whenever needed. He always was available to give us a hand at a moment's notice.

At the time of his death, Ernie was employed as Director of Maintenance at North Broadway Methodist Church in Columbus.

Ernie will be greatly missed by his Christian Endeavor friends, especially those of us at Christian Endeavor Headquarters.

Memorial gifts may be sent to the International Society of Christian Endeavor.

Pennsylvania Christian Endeavor

Two Centennial Rallies were held by Pennsylvania Christian Endeavor on December 13, 1987—one in Easton, Pennsylvania at the First Presbyterian Church. This was the church in which PaCE was organized as a Christian Endeavor Union. Rev. Brooke Solberg, Pastor of the Evangelical Free Church in Allentown was the speaker. Special music was provided by THE LOST AND FOUND, a Christian Endeavor musical group from Grace Chapel Reformed Episcopal Church in Philadelphia. During the rally Mrs. Gordon (Alice) McMordie was honored for her many years of service as secretary for the Pennsylvania Christian Endeavor Union.

A second rally was held in Western Pennsylvania at the Unity Presbyterian Church in Mercer County. Rev. David Jackson was the featured speaker and individuals representing the various ages in Christian Endeavor were involved. A special feature was a visit by "Dr. Francis E. Clark" as portrayed by Raymond Bartholomew.

Christian Endeavor Youth Exchange

We continue to receive requests at Christian Endeavor Headquarters from young people who are interested in spending a period of time (from a couple of months to a year) with a family from another country. So far we have had little response to such requests. If you know of anyone who might be interested in hosting youth from another country, please contact Christian Endeavor Headquarters.

Rev. J. Wesley Siebert

A former president of the Canadian Christian Endeavour Union, J. Wesley Siebert died on October 10, 1987. After serving various pastorates in Canada prior to 1968, Rev. Siebert became the minister of Centennial United Church in Stratford, Ontario, until his retirement in 1975. Rev. Siebert will best be remembered for his interest in Christian Endeavor, having served various capacities in both Canada and in the International Society. He was one of the key leaders of the Local Committee for the 16th World's Convention held in Kitchener-Waterloo in 1970. For many years after his active Christian Endeavor service was ended, he was one of the most popular speakers because of his years of association in International Christian Endeavor conventions and conferences.

News From Nigeria

Excerpts from a letter received recently from Bishop A. A. Akpan, General Secretary of the Nigeria Christian Endeavor Union. "The work here is progressing nicely and our Christian Endeavor groups are very active...Brother H. G. Humber and Brother Stephen White visited with us from the Christian Endeavor Union of Great Britain and Ireland and shared with us in some of our activities...Rev. Elia Taase and Elder Pita Malae from the American Samoa Christian Endeavor Union also visited us and shared with us the interest of their Union in sending a missionary team to assist in our Christian school educational program..

Tracy's Travels

*Tracy D. Matthews
Vice President, International
Society of Christian Endeavor*

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ. I have started my first full year serving as Vice-President of the International Society of Christian Endeavor. I solicit your prayers as I travel this year sharing the Christian Endeavor biennial theme, "Exalting Christ." When you exalt someone you lift that person up. I believe Rev. Johnson Datman, Jr., so beautifully expressed this theme in writing the hymn, "Lift Him Up." In the message of this hymn you will find what it means to "Exalt Christ." I encourage you to read it.

This year for the first time I attended the New Jersey Winter Happening. I was really impressed with the excitement the young people had in serving and living for Christ. There was a beautiful display of camaraderie. Serving as song leader, I was blessed to see how singing had been planned as a vital part of the weekend. There were two major sessions just for this. The enthusiasm in singing was tremendous. The young people brought their various instruments to make up a band for singing.

On Sunday, January 24, I shared with the Jerusalem Chapel United Brethren Church and the Loch Willow Presbyterian Church both, in Churchville, Virginia.

I had the privilege to share at the Central Schwenkfelder Church in Worcester, Pennsylvania, on Sunday, January 31st. Rev. Jack Rothenberger, past president of the International Society, is the senior pastor. I spoke briefly on "Exalting Christ" at the 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. worship services. During the Sunday school hour I shared with the combined junior high and senior high classes. After church, Andy Berger, a member of the Senior High Christian Endeavor Society, took me on my first snowmobile ride. This truly was a thrilling and exciting ride. I can't wait to go again.

I was the song leader for the annual Golden Rule Christian Endeavor Banquet February 6, 1988, at the Union Wesley A.M.E. Zion Church in Washington, D.C. Young people from the union shared in the banquet program and we had an exciting time singing and praising the Lord together.

C.E. Youth Speaks

Below are some reflections from the Youth Witness Presentation made at the Golden Rule Christian Endeavor Annual Conference last August by Nathan Roy. Nathan is a member of the newly formed Young Adult Society of the Mt. Rona Baptist Church where the Reverend Henry E. Johnson serves as pastor.

"My testimony was based on the goodness of God and how He has changed my life. I made a statement on how my two brothers had encouraged me to try Jesus. Now I know that if they were not living the life that they were talking about, it would have been harder for me to accept and believe what they were saying.

"The Lord has really delivered me from a few things and I thank him for it. When I see drug addicts, alcoholics, homeless men, and even dope pushers, I don't look down on them because I know that if it weren't for the grace of God, I would probably be in the same position. The word of God teaches us to love the person but hate the sin.

Since the Lord has brought me out of things like hanging out all times of the night at different night clubs for enjoyment, now I can stay home and study the word of God for my enjoyment."

(from the Golden Rule Christian Endeavor Union Newsletter)

Will You Help Us?

We'd like to know what's happening in the Christian Endeavor groups in your local, state, or regional areas. Will you take a few minutes and write up a report so that we can share this news with Endeavorers around the world.

Distinct pictures, involving young people in action, or showing leader-youth interaction, always help to stimulate interest. Articles should include such information as themes, special emphases, program personalities, youth reaction or response, dates and places. Interesting sidelights also make enjoyable reading.

Remember, we only can share what information is reported, so please keep us informed about what's happening in your area.

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was the mainstay of the support team who planned Christian Endeavor activities for the state of Alabama.

(Ralph died November 26, 1987 and will be greatly missed not only by his wife, Jean, but by all Christian Endeavorers in Alabama where he served so faithfully for so long.)

From the General Secretary

them in the worship and work of the local church; (6) Training them for leadership and serving within the local church and community; and (7) Challenging them to a lifetime commitment of service to wherever He leads and to whatever He calls.

For over 107 years Christian Endeavor has ministered to the needs of young people through the local church program. Christian Endeavor has assisted the local church in reaching young people for Christ and then training them for service.

The Christian church and the Christian community are crying out for help in ministering to the needs of young people. Christian Endeavor has the principles and program that are needed to respond to this challenge. But we must get our message across more effectively.

Christian Endeavor once again is ready to take the lead in winning young people to Jesus Christ, discipling them in the Christian faith, and equipping and enabling them in service for Christ and His Church. What role are you willing to play in this challenge which lies before us?

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It now costs 30¢ each time the Post Office forwards your change of address to us. One at a time these changes do not seem much, but multiplied by hundreds they can make a large sum. YOU CAN SAVE us this expense by sending us a postcard with (1) Your name and present address; (2) Your new address; and (3) Effective date of change. Send to:

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SOCIETY ROLL CALL

Societies and unions which have become members of the International Society of Christian Endeavor through financial support of \$25 or more during the period of October 15, 1987, through February 20, 1988, are listed here. Each of these groups has received an enrollment certificate. Those groups which have contributed \$100 or more have received a gold seal certificate.

Groups are arranged alphabetically by state and province. Others who enroll will be listed in future issues.

GOLD SEAL

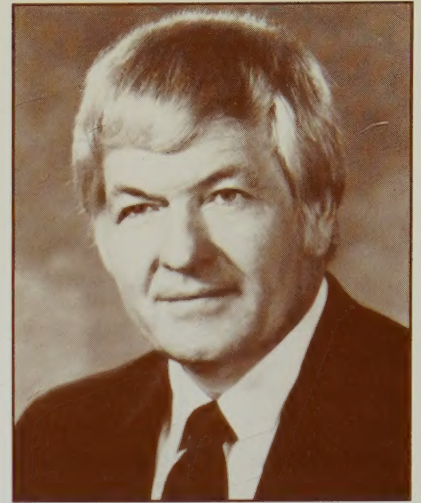
Argo Presbyterian Church, Argo, Alabama
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Christian Education Department, African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, Chicago, Illinois
Maryland Christian Endeavor Union
First Reformed Church, Grandville, Michigan
Woodstock Dutch Reformed Church, Woodstock, New York
North Carolina Christian Endeavor Union
Bethel United Presbyterian Church, Salineville, Ohio
Calvin Presbyterian Church, Columbus, Ohio
Central Presbyterian Church, Columbus, Ohio
First United Brethren in Christ Church, Columbus, Ohio
Ontario Society of Christian Endeavor
Gladstone Christian Church, Gladstone, Oregon
Suburban Christian Church, Corvallis, Oregon
Pennsylvania Christian Endeavor Union
The Ladies' Aid Society, Central Schwenkfelder Church, Worcester, Pennsylvania
First Evangelical Congregational Church, Palmyra, Pennsylvania
First Presbyterian Church of Olney, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Olivet Covenant United Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Westmoor Church of Christ, Kingston, Pennsylvania
Bruton Road Christian Church, Dallas, Texas
Southern Region Christian Endeavor Conference
Virginia Christian Endeavor Union
Christian Endeavor Society, Mt. Olivet United Brethren in Christ Church, Mt. Solon, Virginia
Richmond-Petersburg-Prince George-Disputanta-Hopewell (Virginia) Area Endeavorers
Westminster Presbyterian Church, Roanoke, Virginia
West Virginia Christian Endeavor Union
Christian Church of New Cumberland, New Cumberland, West Virginia

HONOR GROUPS

Senior Christian Endeavor Society, Nineteenth Street Baptist Church, Washington, D.C.
Florida Christian Endeavor Alumni
Victory Leaders, Church of God of Prophecy, Jesup, Georgia
Christian Endeavor Society, Crestview United Brethren in Christ Church, Lafayette, Indiana
Trinity Christian Endeavor Society, Trinity United Church of Christ, St. Louis, Missouri
Junior Christian Endeavor Society, First Presbyterian Church, Woodbridge, New Jersey
Brooklyn/Queens Christian Endeavor Alumni, Brooklyn, New York
Department of Church School Literature, African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, Charlotte, North Carolina
Varick Christian Endeavor, Little Marsh Chapel Church, St. Pauls, North Carolina
Possibility Living Ministry Cooperative, The Name of Christ Church, St. Marys, Ohio
Grace United Brethren in Christ Church, Sherkston, Ontario
Lambton County Christian Endeavor Fellowship, Sarnia, Ontario
Niagara Peninsula United Brethren Churches, Fort Erie, Ontario
Oregon Christian Endeavor Union
Junior Christian Endeavor, North Plains Christian Church, North Plains, Oregon
First Evangelical Congregational Church, Easton, Pennsylvania
Grace Evangelical Congregation Church, East Petersburg, Pennsylvania
Junior Christian Endeavor Society, Trinity Evangelical Congregational Church, Frackville, Pennsylvania
Trinity Evangelical Congregational Church, Pottstown, Pennsylvania
Christian Endeavor, Unity Presbyterian Church, Mercer, Pennsylvania
La Porte Community Church, La Porte, Texas
Pioneer Christian Endeavor, Faith Presbyterian Church, Falls Church, Virginia
Youth Group, Mt. Zion African Methodist Episcopal Church, Roanoke, Virginia
Community Christian Endeavor Society, Rock Grove Baptist-Doyle Chapel Methodist Churches, Linn, West Virginia

The President's Corner

Clarence A. Kopp, Jr.



Confidence in the Collectors

Recently I have been impressed by Titus, who would have been a great Christian Endeavor leader. According to Paul's letter to the Corinthians in II Corinthians 8:16-24, Titus was a man of great zeal. He accepted a difficult appointment. He was to receive the offering, or the collection, for the saints in Jerusalem. Paul admonishes the brothers to receive him because he was utterly sincere. Along with him were two other unnamed collectors, who were appointed or elected by the church. They were people of good standing and reputation. They were traveling companions who were to help carry the Corinthian collection to its destination.

These men, chosen by the churches, had the confidence of the church, and now Paul says, "Have confidence in these collectors." Titus was a good man raising funds for a good cause, not a bad man padding his pockets.

May I please recommend that we have confidence in our collectors. Our Headquarters Staff at Columbus, led by Dave Jackson, could indeed by convincingly commended for their faithfulness as fellow workers, as brothers, indeed as Paul told the Corinthian Church they were to receive these three men with Titus as their leader as apostles of the church "to the glory of Christ."

Let us exalt Christ. Let us give proof of our love as we respond to the membership appeal this year. Let us be generous with our gifts for the cause of Christ in Christian Endeavor. Our response to the collectors really reflects how we truly feel about the cause they represent.

May cautious reluctance turn into courteous, joyful sharing as we exalt Christ in our giving to the cause of Christ through Christian Endeavor.

When Paul wrote the Thessalonian Church, he said in chapter 2, verse 3, "The appeal we make does not spring from error or impure motives, nor are we trying to trick you." Verse 4 says, "On the contrary we speak as men approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel. We are not trying to please men, but God Who tests our hearts."

May the spirit of selfless surrender to the cause of Christ, modeled so well by the Third World Christian Endeavor movement, guide us in the U.S.A. and in North America to a new level of commitment and a new level of confidence in the collectors. Let's have a real vote of confidence for David G. Jackson, General Secretary, and for Staff members Earl Todt, Norma Brown, Carole Fox, Jean Hinton, Eleanor Tope, and Anna Voss.

In addition to these faithful leaders, we owe a great debt of gratitude to the faithful volunteer staff, including such great C.E. leaders as Clyde and Phyllis Meadows and others who have been so meaningfully helpful.

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1989 CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WITNESS PROGRAM

Here's What We've Been Doing in the Area of Christian Witnessing in Our Group

Christian Endeavor Society or similar youth group

Name of Church

Church Address

Church Telephone No.

Person Making Report:

Name

Address

Telephone No.

Name of Pastor

Telephone No.

Name of President

Telephone No.

Name of Adult Sponsor

Telephone No.

Approximate length of your project/program:

_____ One Day

_____ Month

_____ Term (Year _____; Six Mos. _____)

_____ Other

Frequency: _____ First time attempted

_____ Time attempted

_____ Semi-Annual Event

_____ Annual Event

_____ Other _____

DATE(S) OF EVENTS _____ TYPE OF EVENT _____

NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED: _____ PLANNING _____ PARTICIPATION _____

Average Age _____ or Majority Age _____ of Group Involved

DETAILED INFORMATION: On an attached sheet provide a detailed description of your

(1) Activity purpose

(2) Activity goal(s)

(3) Plan/Procedure

(4) Results

NOTE: Attach photos, publicity, programs, newspaper clippings, church bulletins, or other documentation/evidence of this project/program.

To qualify in contest judging, this entry form must be postmarked no later than February 28, 1989.

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ONLY YOUTH WITNESS PROJECTS of societies/groups which are reported can be considered for the annual CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WITNESS PROGRAM for societies. Report activities as they happen. The 1989 program has a deadline of February 28, 1989.